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Ms. Appel,

The Board of Commissioners of Clatsop County would like to express its support for the proposed new regulations for federal acknowledgement of Indian tribes currently under review by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Lower Columbia region of the Pacific Northwest is the historic home of native peoples with rich cultural heritage and traditions, who have played and continue to play significant roles in our local communities and whose long presence is reflected in the names of our cities, counties and landmarks. Some have devoted years of effort and considerable resources attempting to navigate the existing slow, cumbersome recognition process.

The Board supports the efforts of the Bureau to reform the "Part 83 process" to make it more efficient, transparent and objective. This will facilitate the efforts of our region's native peoples to pursue the federal recognition they have sought for so long.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Scott Lee, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "SA Lee", written over the printed name and title.